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under 35 U.S.C. 371)For: MEASURING DEVICE AND ITS)
METHOD)

Re Application of:)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 6-53117 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 3367279 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

- 3. JP 8-140954
- 4. JP 55-2416
- 5. JP 2003-232823

An English-language abstracts of documents 1-3 and 5 are enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the priority application citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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Respectfully submitted,

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